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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMM MINISTER ON JUNE 13, FRAU STEEG, ECONOMICS MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON POWER PLANT PROJECT DURING THE THREE-DAY MEETING OF THE MIXED GERMAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN BONN. ACCORDING TO FRAU STEEG, WHEN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NOWIKOW CAME WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS THE POWER-LINE ROUTING, HE WAS REMINDED BY THE GERMAN SIDE THAT THE SOVIETS STILL OWE THE FRG AN ANSWER ON THIS QUESTION. NOWIKOW COULD ONLY REPLY LAMELY THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER ON HIS RETURN TO MOSCOW. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE SPECULATED THAT MOSCOW MAY HAVE ACCEPTED DDR OBJECTIONS TO ROUTING THE LINES THROUGH BERLIN.

2. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DIFFERENCES CONTINUE
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TO HAMPER PROGRESS IN THE WORKING-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS,

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WITH THE SOVIET SIDE, ACCORDING TO THE ALLGEMEINE, CONTINUALLY RAISING NEW POINTS AND ATTEMPTING TO RESURFACE PREVIOUSLY-AGREED ONES. WHEN KRAFTWERKE-UNION INDICATED THAT THE DELIVERY COST OF THE PLANT WOULD LIKELY INCREASE, SOVIETS COUNTERED WITH PRICE CALCULATIONS SHOWING HIGHER COSTS FOR THE POWER TO BE DELIVERED THROUGH WEST BERLIN TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. RUSSIANS APPEAR TO BE IN NO HURRY TO MOVE AHEAD, WITH NOWIKOW COMMENTING THAT MUCH TIME IS STILL NEEDED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS.
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